

Sorry to say he is not, however,
for he has been tight on a
brick twice this week. The
doctor has advised him to eat
and drink freely, but suddenly
he has no idea of this get-
ting tight. - I have not
seen the Vanderpools for
some time though they have
been in the fort several
times. Once they came to see
me, but other times they
have kept aloof, probably
because there were several
other wives and gentlemen
men whom they did not
know about my quarters.

As no responsibility will
devolve upon me after to-day
I shall have more leisure
& shall write to Howard
in a day or two. I have
long intended to do so,
but business and engagements
have hitherto prevented.
I am very much pleased by



J. H. Hamilton
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My Dear Wife:

There is no telling what
is to be the fate of an Officer of the
army. Yesterday, by virtue of Gen. B.'s
retirement, I had full command
of this post: to-day, there comes
a volunteer Col. with author-
ity to take command of Ft. H.
and its dependencies, and so
my move is completely out of
joint. What kind of a chap
the new Col. is, I don't know
but I mean to go on the sick
report to-morrow, and let
him run the machine the
best way he can. It will
be two or three weeks before
I will be fit for duty, in
the meantime, we shall see
how he will run the ma-
chine. If this was a regular
officer I would care a fig, but

A graver me progressing to
be put under an officer who
does not know help as much
as I do in all probability.
But we shall have to let
her rip.

To-day I went up
to my boarding-house to dinner.
The lunch would have been it, we
took McElreath's establishment
it went off in high style. We
didn't find out our mistake
until we had got to the
boarding house. Coming back
we took a hundred on two
horse carriage we found at
the gate & learned after
we had got well on our
way that it belonged to a
gentleman who was ~~the~~
visiting two ladies at the hotel.
Nevertheless, we rode to the
fort in it. I don't think it
made any difference to the
gentleman or lady, as I

think they were not ready to
March when the carriage
got back and the driver
made a half dollar by driving
us to the fort. —

Mrs. Harrison has been quite
sick since her large lord left
to Sweden. But she will prob-
ably leave to-morrow with
DuPont for Stager, town Mary-
land where H. is. — S. P. came
here on Saturday and is collecting
his company property & settling
his accounts. He looks very
thin and it is quite evident
that campaigning does not
agree with him very well.

By the way, the other day
I got a despatch from Piper
to his lassie. Church had
sent one for me & one for
her, but them in the wrong
envelopes. — Capt Opley is
getting along very well &
will leave his arm of his
is tolerably prominent. I am

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she emphatically notices which
he has received. — I enjoyed
your good long letter very
much. I hope you will
write me many such. —
The other day the printer
brought me a son of Capt.
Cliff who had run away
and enlisted in a N.Y. Caval-
ry regiment. Of course I
didn't put him in the guard
house, as I had some others
of his regiment, but let
him at liberty. The next
morning he came to me
with a letter from his
mother requesting that he
might be got out of the
Cavalry Regiment & en-
listed in mine. In this

My dear Charles, came to
me to consult on his
case. His mother wanted him
to get out of the Vol. Service &
enlist in my regt. George's mother
want him, & when she gets him be-
hind from the Col. I shall try
to throw some obstacle in the
way of his getting into the 12th
DuPont has just told me that Mrs
Harrison is not well enough
to join her husband at Hager-
town Md., so she will be obliged
to leave her husband much to
the regret of the Regt. & no doubt.

You don't know how much I
would like to be with you on
such a day as this & when there
is not much to do as that
is not very agreeable. There is no
news to send you that I know
of, so I shall bid you good-
bye, with infinite love to the
boys & your darling baby. F.M.